

We propose to reply briefly to the judicious remarks made in the above article by Mr. Popliment :

*Item 1.* The rule, referred to in item 1, does not apply to Winter sports.

*Item 2.* We have already expressed our opinion on this matter, but it is evident, and we agree and share Mr. Popliment's opinion, that it would be preferable to entrust the staging of the Winter Games to a station which has already proved itself and is in possession of adequate facilities. If this had been so on the case of Squaw Valley, Bobsleigh would not have been eliminated so quickly from the programme. As far as this matter is concerned, we wish to point out that this question is to be reconsidered at the Tokyo Session.

*Item 3.* Mr. Popliment's remark is so logical that in the questionnaire addressed by the International Olympic Committee to the candidate cities, it is stipulated under letter *a*) "which sports do you propose to include in the programme ?" Therefore this corresponds to the suggestion made by Mr. Popliment.

*Item 4.* There also satisfaction is given to Mr. Popliment because art. 30 of the Rules and Regulations stipulates among other things that the programme must be submitted to the International Olympic Committee for its approval at least two years before the Opening of the Games. The danger preconized by Mr. Popliment therefore does not exist. In its new Rules, the International Olympic Committee agrees to admit the presence of delegates of the International Federations at the Session when the cities present their candidature. The delegations will be consulted with regard to technical problems, thus a city wishing to obtain the staging of the Games will never make the blunder to propose the elimination of the basic sports competed in the Olympic Games.